Charity cyclists to embark on 600 mile Tour de JCT600

JCT600’s dealerships across Yorkshire are hosting their own Grand Depart with a team of 28 intrepid cyclists from the Yorkshire-based motor retailer undertaking a mammoth charity challenge at the end of the month. They are planning to cycle past all 47 of JCT600’s dealerships across Yorkshire, the North East, the Humber, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire including visiting dealerships in Bradford, Leeds, York, Sheffield, Wakefield, Castleford, Doncaster, Rotherham and Hull; covering 600 miles in just five days!

The core team led by JCT600 finance director Nigel Shaw will comprise colleagues Martin Holmes, Brand Financial Controller for Volume Division; Simon Morton, Mercedes-Benz technician; and Marc Peasegood, Volkswagen Rotherham workshop controller; with colleagues Chris Bray, Stephen Booker, David Haigh and Max Osborne riding part of the route as well as providing driver support and All Terrain Cycles providing mechanical assistance. A further 20 colleagues will join the JCT600 peloton as it nears the dealerships where they work.

The challenge is being undertaken with the aim of raising £10,000 for JCT600’s chosen charity for 2014, Association of Young People with ME (AYME). It is being supported by a number of leading companies.
including Grant Thornton, Gordons Solicitors, Platinum Print, Auto Trader, Motors, Premia, Castrol and W Denis Insurance Brokers.

Setting off from JCT600’s head office in Bradford on 20 August, the team plans to visit dealerships in Menston and Rawdon with a stopover at Barnard Castle before heading north to its Bentley and Porsche dealerships in Newcastle. The following day, they will cycle over 127 miles down to York, Hull and Grimsby before visiting Audi in Boston and Lincoln on the fourth day. They will then take in Newark, Chesterfield, Sheffield, Rotherham and Doncaster before a final gruelling day cycling passed the dealerships in Wakefield, Castleford, Leeds and Bradford.

“Building on our company-wide annual Yorkshire Three Peaks walk, in recent years we've really stepped-up our charity fundraising efforts with colleagues enthusiastically coming up with ever-more challenging feats,” explained Nigel Shaw, finance director of JCT600. “In the year that Yorkshire hosted the grandest of Grand Departs, it seemed only fitting that we should invite colleagues and the companies we partner with to take to two wheels and celebrate the region’s success by joining us on a 600 mile tour of our dealerships.”

To sponsor the Tour de JCT600, visit www.justgiving.com/tourdejct600

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Photo shows: L to R: Stephen Booker, David Haigh, Martin Holmes, Max Osborne and Nigel Shaw

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